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Eight Ways YOU Can Help Redeemer

* **Pray for us.** Without the help of the Lord, all our efforts are in vain.

* **Send us students.** Help our admissions department identify potential Christian university students. Your assistance in introducing us to a Christian student who is presently attending a public high school may put that person on the path to a quality Christian university education. Together we can fill Redeemer College to capacity, thus reducing our cost per student. Send the names and telephone numbers of potential students to the Office of Admissions, Redeemer College. Our admissions counsellors will do the rest.

* **Send us financial donations.** We are facing a serious deficit this year and are still $403,000 short of our goal to obtain a balanced budget for the 1992/93 academic year.

* **Identify possible sources of financial support.** We are looking for gifts, bonds and low interest loans to convert our remaining bank debt to debt financed by our support community. You can help by giving the names of prospects to our stewardship department.

* **Use the Redeemer College Registered Retirement Savings Plan.** As circumstances dictate: start a plan with us, add to the account you already have with us, or switch your existing R.R.S.P. to Redeemer College.

* **Join the *Flame of Hope* natural gas saving plan** sponsored by A.E. Sharp Limited through the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS). When you purchase the natural gas for your home or business through this plan, 10% of your payment will be forwarded to Redeemer College as a receiptable donation. Contact our main office for a sign-up kit or pick up your kit at the nearest OACS member school.

* **Provide moral support.** Visit with us; pray with us. Join us for Chapel on Wednesday mornings. You are always welcome.

* **Circulate this newsletter**—let others read about us.

Working Toward a Balanced Budget

Faculty, staff, students, administration, and board members are working together to balance the Redeemer College budget.

Together we have been able to trim one million from a $1.4 million projected deficit on the operating budget for the 1992/93 academic year.

In an all-out effort to push costs down while keeping fees within reach, and maintaining quality education, we agreed to:

- increase faculty teaching loads,
- suspend programs with low enrolment,
- cut several courses,
- eliminate some administration staff positions (through attrition),
- reduce library acquisitions,
- reduce capital spending,
- increase tuition, food and housing fees,
- freeze all wages, and roll back salaries for faculty (five percent), senior staff (five percent), and senior administrators (ten percent).

Painful as these steps may be, they are not enough. "In our goal to balance the budget and ultimately reduce the capital debt, we are tremendously dependent on grass roots support," says President Henry R. De Bolster.

To that end a College Community Council is being instituted. This council, involving alumni, community representatives and parents of students along with staff, faculty, students and board members, will work towards broadening the Redeemer College support base. The mandate of the College Community Council includes converting some of Redeemer's bank debt to a community debt, expanding Redeemer's membership and increasing donations.

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About that Charter Change . . .

DEPUTY MINISTER VISITS

by Dr. Justin Cooper, Vice-President (Academic)

Redeemer College took another step toward securing an amendment to its charter when it hosted the Deputy Minister of Colleges and Universities, Dr. Bernard Shapiro, on November 26.

Dr. Shapiro's visit provided an opportunity to confirm his favourable impression of Redeemer's academic program, and for officials of the College to again present the case for an amendment to the College's charter, which would enable Redeemer to grant appropriate academic degrees and to include the word 'university' in its institutional name.

The bid to secure ministry approval of the amendment dates from 1985 and has dragged on because approval would mean a change in a longstanding government policy opposed to any new university degree-granting institutions in the province, whether public or private.

Momentum toward a change in this policy seemed to be building last fall when a report on private universities was released to the ministry in November 1990 by the OCUA (Ontario Council on University Affairs). Although the contents of the report have not been made public, preliminary drafts indicated that it allowed for the possibility of private universities, provided they met appropriate academic standards and did not receive any public funding. However, the issue of private universities is bigger than just Redeemer College and is related to other questions of accountability and diversity within the larger system of public universities. Thus Redeemer's request has become mired in this larger policy framework.

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While on campus, Dr. Shapiro spoke with students, faculty and administrators about the policy framework. He hopes to have a clear policy picture by next summer. He also suggested several scenarios. Such time horizons have come and gone in the past; however, it was encouraging to discuss the possibility of a successful conclusion to the College's long battle.

For now, Redeemer College will continue its contacts with the Minister, Dr. Richard Allen, and with other officials in the ministry to press the place of private universities in higher education in Ontario. Given its growing academic reputation and its membership in the AUCC (Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada), Redeemer College is an excellent example of precisely why such universities should be encouraged to develop in the province. As more and more Redeemer College graduates are employed and accepted into graduate schools in the province, it will become increasingly difficult to withhold legal recognition of what in fact Redeemer already is, namely, a Christian undergraduate university.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this first report in the year 1992 I am acutely aware that I am writing in a time of great economic difficulties. These difficulties have not left the support community of Redeemer College, nor the College itself, untouched. Elsewhere in this issue you can read about the budget cuts we have made in our 92/93 budget in order to permit work at the College to continue in a responsible way.

I express my deep gratitude to faculty, staff and students for the sacrifices they have made to achieve an acceptable and responsible budget. Our awareness of what it means to be God's stewards in this educational endeavour is focused more sharply by the difficult decisions which had to be made.

The question is raised, "What is the direction of Redeemer College in the turmoil the churches from our main support community are experiencing?" Let me assure you that the educational enterprise at Redeemer College is squarely based on the Word of God and the Reformed confessions, traditions and perspectives; and every professor who teaches at Redeemer College is committed to present the disciplines based on these truths.

Even though we face many challenges, our trust continues to be in the Lord because we believe that Redeemer College belongs to Him. He allows us to train men and women for a life of service in church and society as citizens of God's kingdom and witnesses of Christ.

By the grace of God and with the help of His people we continue to do our work in obedience to God Who loves us, and gave His Son, thereby allowing us to be co-workers in the redemption of His creation. I thank the Lord that He allows us to do this at Redeemer College in a most unique and remarkable way in post-secondary education.

As we pray for you we ask you to pray for us and to continue to give your much needed support.

Henry R. De Bolster

NEWS BRIEFS

Lift Campaign Wrap Up

The campaign is officially over. LIFT (Leadership Investment for Tomorrow,) Redeemer's major fund-raising campaign surpassed its goal by raising over $11 million for a teacher education program, residences, research scholarships and capital debt.

Campaign chairman, Kees Vreugdenhil wrapped up the two-year LIFT campaign at a ceremony held in November 1991 at Redeemer College.

LIFT Campaign Chairman Kees Vreugdenhil officially concludes a successful campaign.

Thanks to LIFT, Redeemer was able to begin an elementary education program in September 1990 and purchase materials for a teacher resource centre. Presently the education department consists of two professors with a third hired for 1992/93. The department has already graduated 17 students in education and anticipates 21 graduates in 1992. LIFT also matches an external private grant (approximately $115,000 annually for five years) to Redeemer's Pascal Centre for Advanced Studies in Faith and Science. The money is used to research the relation of the Christian faith and science. Currently eight projects are in various stages of completion. The Pascal Centre is sponsoring an international conference on science and belief to be held at Redeemer College in August of 1992. This five-day conference with keynote speakers from Scotland, England, United States, Germany and The Netherlands is being organized for scholars with a professional interest in the relationship between science and belief.

As well, LIFT is funding the automation of Redeemer's library. The library index is being transferred from cards to a computerized system and the library has purchased a computerized periodical index system, which according to Dan Savage, chief librarian, is in constant demand by students and faculty. LIFT payments have also helped service interest costs and have financed the building of townhouses for singles and a block of apartments for married students.

Donors to the campaign have contributed 25 percent of the money already and pledged the rest over a five-year period—although the present economic situation is making it difficult for those who pledged, to meet payments on a timely basis.

New Board Members

Redeemer College membership elected six members and re-elected three to the Board of Governors at the eleventh annual meeting of Redeemer Reformed Christian College held on September 28, 1991.

Elected are Mr. Lloyd Burghart (Classis Niagara - CRC), Mr. Henry Rhebergen (Classis Quinte - CRC), Mr. James Kooistra (Seaway Valley Principals' Association), Miss Helen Vreugdenhil (Alumni), Mrs. Stiny De Jong (Hamilton/St. Catharines) and Mr. Peter Geus (Orillia/Barrie).

Mr. William De Jong (Classis Chatham - CRC), Mr. Luke Janssen (Classis Huron - CRC) and Mr. Gary Glasbergen (Niagara/Guelph Principals' Club) were each elected for an additional term.

Members of the executive committee of the board are: Mr. William De Jong (chairman) Mr. Nicholas Van Duyvendyk (vice chairman) Mrs. Marian Brink (secretary), Mr. Martin Bosveld (treasurer) and Mr. Herman Faber, Mr. Luke Janssen and Mr. John Kuurstra as executive members-at-large. Rev. Albert Dreise also serves on the exe-cutive committee as past chairman.

Science Scholarship Winners

Canada Scholarships have been awarded to first-year students, Alina Vermeer and Heather MacLarkey. The $2,000 scholarships are given for high academic standards to students in natural sciences and mathematics and are renewable for four years provided sufficiently high academic standards are maintained.

Both Alina and Heather have a profound interest in science and express an inclination toward medical professions. At Redeemer Heather is considering a biology major while Alina would like to combine her science major with a missions minor.

Candidates for Canadian Scholarships are nominated by the school and selected by the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada. The Federal Ministry of Industry, Science and Technology sponsors the awards to encourage students, particularly women, to train in engineering, mathematics and the sciences.

Marian Bakker who was awarded the scholarship last year has had it renewed for a second year.

Dr. Jacob Ellens, Dean of Studies, congratulates Heather MacLarkey and Alina Vermeer.

Above (left to right): Helen Vreugdenhil, a 1987 graduate; and Sylvia Keesmaat, graduate 1986, in front of the Bodleian Library, Oxford, England. Helen is working on a doctorate in British history at the University of Toronto and is in Oxford for several months doing research. Sylvia is in the third year of her doctorate programme in Biblical studies at Worcester College, Oxford University.

SORRY . . . No New Foundation Scholarships

For the first time in five years incoming students will not be able to apply for Foundation Scholarships. The Redeemer Foundation has regretfully announced that no new Academic Achievement or Leadership Scholarships will be offered for the 1992/93 academic year.

Upon reviewing the Foundation's financial situation, the Foundation board concluded it would not be able to fund new scholarships at this time. They will however continue to meet obligations for scholarships previously awarded.

The Redeemer College Presidential, Honours and Merit Scholarships are unaffected by the Foundation decision.

Tuition Rates for 1992/93

Redeemer rates have been set for the 1992/93 academic year at $2,725/semester for tuition and $1,850/semester for food and housing for a total cost of $9,150. Students who choose to pay for the entire year in September get a $200 reduction in tuition. This tuition rate does not include Student Senate and other student fees amounting to approximately $295.

To help individuals finance their education, there are a number of awards, scholarships and a work-study bursary for eligible applicants. There are also loans and grants available to qualifying students through provincial student assistance programs. The financial assistance office at Redeemer offers preliminary cost assessments based on the personal circumstances of each individual.

Royals Outplay Knights

For a combination of camaraderie and competitive fun, it's difficult to outdo the annual Calvin–Redeemer hockey series. Redeemer Royals won both games in the exciting Rendez-vous series held in November on home ice against the Knights from Calvin College of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"These games are definitely the highlight of the hockey year for both teams." says Royals' coach, Ralph Luimes, himself a former Calvin Knights captain.

He points out that in two previous years of play, neither team swept the series. The Royals went into the games in the best possible frame of mind. "They knew the result was in doubt. They knew they could win." And win they did with scores of 6-4 and 10-6.

During the regular season the Royals play in the Niagara Christian Hockey League (NCHL), a non-contact recreational church league. They practise once a week and play once a week. The team would like to make the jump from recreational hockey to a contact league which demands greater skill, and a more competitive attitude, not to mention more ice time for practices. As a coach, Luimes sees the necessary skills developing, but the money for ice time is just not there, right now.

He is looking toward setting up an exhibition schedule with Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) teams to bridge the gap before the Royals actually join a contact league a move which is probably four or five years away.

Seniors come to School

Every year several hundred senior citizens assemble at Redeemer College for a Reformation Day celebration. This year they came to listen to Redeemer's own Dr. Gene Haas, Assistant Professor of Religion and Theology speak on "Slaves of Christ."

Highlights of the day included a mime presentation by Bill Van Caulart and Grace Hoftyzer, a performance by the Redeemer College Choir directed by Professor Christiaan Teeuwsen, and the seniors' rendition of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

There is always room for one more!

COMING EVENTS

Ticket information is available through Redeemer College at (416)648-2131. All events at 8 p.m. unless stated otherwise.

March 13 - Piano recital by Fred DeHaan.

April 2-4 - Main Stage Theatre: *Crimes of the Heart* by Beth Henley, directed by Simon duToit. Matinee: Apr.3 at 2 p.m.

April 10 - *Spring Choir and Brass Festival.* Redeemer College Concert Choir and Great Lakes Brass.

May 23 - Graduation.

June 2 - *Spring Organ Concert.*

Scholarships and Awards (1991-92)

Presidential Scholarships

Continuing students

Marian Bakker
Irene Bom
Marya Bootsma
Paul Brink
William Fledderus
Roger Grootenboer
Judy Heidbuurt
Grace Hoftyzer
Michael John Kooy
Gary Miedema
Ron Oppertshauser
Stephanie Proper
Pete Schuurman
Tim Span
Margaret Staal
Bonita Steigenga
Annetta teVelde
Rob Vandebelt
Ken Vanderhorst
Harriet Van Dorp
Wendy VanDyke
Henrietta Visscher
Ben Westerveld
Susan Winter
Andrew Zantingh

Entering students

Julia Algra
Marcy Ardis
Charlene Beerda
Thanh Campbell
James De Boer
Grace DeKleer
Hanna Julien
Pauling Kempenaar
Heather MacLarkey
Lisa Numan
Peter Oussoren
Sharon Slotegraaf
Jenny-Lynn Vandenberg

Honours Scholarships

Continuing students

Karen Bisschop
Petra Boersema
Brenda Brouwer
Elaine Brus
Jeff Dam
Elaine DeVries
Dina Geerts
Diane Heeg
Michelle Herrewynen
David Kruisselbrink
Alma Rivera-Bennetts
Rick Schenk
T. David VanBelle
Doreen Vanderheide
Christine Zietsma

Entering students

Joanne Brown
Christine Buwalda
Darlene Catanus
Justin Cook
Chris Cuthill
Douglas Den Bak
Rochelle DeVries
Alison Douglas
Lisa Evers
Maria Heikoop
Jeff Janssen
Angela Joosse
Andrew Kirkland
Tamara Koole
Gerda Markus
Lydia Mellema
Derek Miedema
Jeffrey Oegema
Karen Rodenberg
Gordon Sikma
Derek Streefkerk
Michelle ter Haar
David Tigchelaar
Lucinda Tiesma
Michael Vahrmeyer
Kathryn VanBerkel
Debra Vanderstelt
Janet Vreugdenhil
Tammee Watson
Angela Wessels
Bryan Windle

Merit Scholarships

Continuing students

Pauline Bosveld
Rosalie Bouwers
Elizabeth Boven
Wendy Bulthuis
Leticia Chan
Fred DeHaan
Judy DeHaan
Fred Geus
Richard Grift
Joanne Haveman
Eric Hogeterp
Paul Hogeterp
Raymond Kuyvenhoven
Ben Ponsen
Sean Schat
Karen Uyl
Janice Vanderhill
Hanna VanDyke
Annette VanGeest
Dennis VanStaalduinen

Entering students

Christina Berkelaar
Jason Braam
Emberlee Farenhorst
Deborah Harris
Teresa Helleman
Shelly Hogeveen
Eric Lammers
Dan Reilly
Mariane Roubos
Ian Timmerman
Peter Ton
Linda VanSprengen
Jason Vanderhill
Paul Winkelhorst
Tammy Winkelhorst
Stephen Witteveen
Nancy van Arragon
Shelly Van Barnevelde

The Henry Meinema Bursaries

Harry Van Dam

Willemina Blom Scholarship

Melanie Beck

Steven J. Kouwenhoven Bursary

Tim Span

Alumni Leadership Scholarship

Mary Ann Ypma

Dina Van Herwerden Memorial Award

Stephanie Proper

J.J. Van Herwerden Award

Rick Schenk

Christian Stewardship Services

Marian Bakker
Elaine Brus
Fred Geus
Grace Hoftyzer
Bonnie Steigenga
Annetta teVelde
Henrietta Visscher

Nellie Miller Scholarship

Dennis VanStaalduinen

Canada Scholarship Program

Marian Bakker
Heather MacLarkey
Alina Vermeer

Redeemer Foundation Awards

Academic Achievement

Cheryl Buesink
Ruth Comanda
Brad Cuzen
Allison Gresik
Jennifer Perrow
Thersa Schut
Alina Vermeer
Jeanette Visscher

Leadership

Entering students

Marcy Ardis
Lisa Breukelman
Thanh Campbell
James DeBoer
Chad DeVries
Emberlee Farenhorst
Vaughn Gowling
Lawren Guldemond
Teresa Helleman
Hanna Julien
Steven Kooy
Cheryl Kruisselbrink
Derek Miedema
Denise Notvotny
Dan Reilly
Jennirebecca Rollo
Marianne Roubos
Dorothy Sanderson
Michelle ter Haar
Gordon Tetley
Richard Tomlin
Jenny-Lynn VandenBerg
Debbie VanderStelt
Janet Vreugdenhill
Kelly Watson
Angela Wessels
Bryan Windle

Continuing students

Roxanne Broer
Bertina Brouwer
Heather Heimstra
Grace Hoftyzer
Kevin Huinink
Julie-Anne Kooy
Patricia Maseigi
Karen Ott
Lori Pegg
Angela Powers
Kathleen Reitsma
Angnes Stehouwer
Annetta te Velde
Alice Thalen
Annette Visser
Jeanette Visscher
Jennifer Westerhoff
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FACULTY UPDATE

David Benner published "Understanding, measuring, and facilitating spiritual well-being" in the *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, (1991); and "Counselling as a spiritual process", *Lingdale Paper 17* of the Clinical Theology Association of Oxford, England (1991); edited "Spirituality: perspectives in theory and research", a special issue of *Journal of Psychology* (1991); and presented "Child abuse and multiple personality disorder" at a conference organized by the Regional Municipality of Hamilton Wentworth Department of Public Health Services in Hamilton in October 1991.

Henry Brouwer published articles in *Journal of Chemical Education 68:* "Demonstration: properties of sulphur dioxide" (May 1991); "A simple sublimation apparatus" (March 1991); "Small-scale thermochemistry experiment" (July 1991); and "Testing for chemical toxicity using bacteria: an undergraduate laboratory experiment. He also published "The greenhouse effect: fact or fiction?" (June 21, 1991); and "Foam or paper cups - what will it be?" (July 12, 1991) in *Calvinist Contact;* and coauthored "Spectrophotometric measurements of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons in Hamilton harbour sediments" with T.P. Murphy, M.E. Fox and E. Nagy in *Water Pollution Research Journal of Canada 26* (1991).

Allan Brown was named Women's West Division Coach of the Year.

John Byl's monthly sports column," Reflexion" in *Calvinist Contact* includes "The Disabled Games benefit all of us" (August 16, 1991); "Elementary school athletics: making the team" (September 13, 1991); "Oh Canada and sports" (October 18, 1991) and "WWF and the Gravest Challenge" (November 15, 1991).

Gene Haas presented a paper, "Slavery, the Kingdom and Progressive Moral Norms" at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in Kansas City in November.

Margaret Grift presented a paper entitled, "Information Literacy & Critical Thinking," at the Conference on Critical Thinking and Educational Reform held at Sonoma State University in California in August 1991.

David Koyzis, published in his column, "Across the Globe" in *Calvinist Contact:* "What about the New World Order?" (April 5, 1991); "Another human tragedy" (May 3, 1991); "Language-based nationalism has become a religion" (May 31, 1991); "South Africa needs bridges more than walls" (June 28, 1991); "Power corrupts" (August 23, 1991); "No mourners at this funeral" (September 20, 1991); "Could Armenia become another Israel?" (October 18, 1991); and "Walking two diverging paths" (November 15, 1991). He also wrote "What are the prospects for democracy after the failed Soviet coup?" for *Calvinist Contact* (September 20, 1991).

Douglas Loney published an article, "Canadian TV: Asking the Right Questions" in *The Banner* (December 2, 1991).

Ray Louter graduated with an M.A. in Theatre History from the University of Guelph in October 1991 and now holds two master of arts degrees in theatre.

Robert MacLarkey published an article entitled, "Multiple paradigms for the socio-historical origin of law" in the *Special Report Series, Occasional Paper 101* put out by the Public Policy Education Foundation.

Alice Metzlar presented "Primary graphs" at the Northeastern Symposium on Graph Theory and Combinatorics at Carleton University in October and at the Combinatorics seminar at McMaster University in November 1991.

Mary Leigh Morbey has been appointed assistant editor of the *Arts and Learning Research* proceedings for the 1992 American Educational Research Association annual meeting.

Jim Payton presented lectures entitled "In Memoria Martini Buceri (1491-1991)" and "Martin Bucer: Ecumenist of the Reformation" at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia in October 1991. He also presented a paper entitled "Bucer and the Church Fathers" at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference at the University of Pennsylvania in October.

Bert Polman has been appointed to a Christian Reformed Synodical Study Committee to "Clarify the Relationship of Public Profession of Faith, Children, and the Lord's Supper" in Grand Rapids, Michigan; and has published "Tell Out, My Soul" in *The Hymn* (October 1991) and "From Doubt to Faith, an Easter Service Based on the Story of Thomas" in *Reformed Worship*" (December 1991).

Paul Van Arragon presented his thesis in a public lecture this summer at the German Artificial Intelligence Research Centre in Saarbruecken, Germany.

Wytse van Dijk coauthored an article entitled, "Relation between the bound state radius and the scattering length: Relativistic effects" in *Physical Review* (July 1991). He was reappointed Professor (part-time) in the Department of Physics and Astronomy of McMaster University for five years beginning July 1991. This reappointment enables him to continue research work and collaboration with members of the theoretical physics group.

Dr. van Dijk along with Dr. Mark Kermode of the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics of the University of Liverpool, UK, recently received a collaborative research grant under the NATO International Scientific Exchange Programmes (150,000 Belgian francs) for 1992-93. The grant will enable them to travel between Hamilton and Liverpool to continue their collaboration on the nuclear force problem.

Harry Van Dyke led a workshop on "Dutch Christian Democratic Perspectives on Political Revolutions and Public Justice, 1791-1945" at the Social Studies Conference of the European Council of International Schools in Amsterdam in March 1991; and held a seminar on "Politics and Unbelief" for the West Yorkshire School of Christian Studies in Leeds in April 1991; and he gave a short paper on "Groen van Prinsterer and Anti-Revolutionary Politics" at the Spring Conference of the Study Group on Christianity and History at the University of York in April 1991. This paper has been published in *Christianity and History Newsletter* (July 1991).

Susan Van Weelden published a review of *Business Through the Eyes of Faith in Calvin Theological Journal* (November 1991).